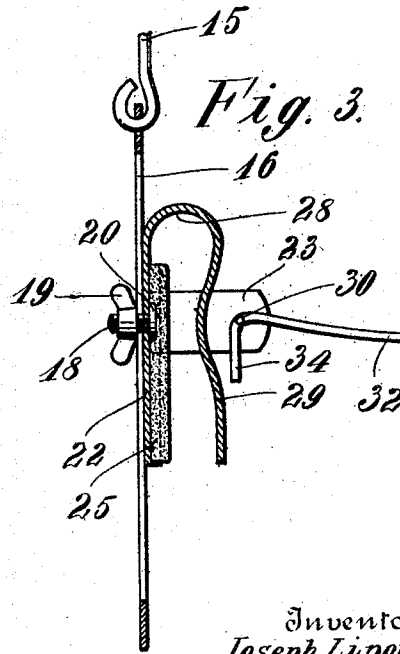
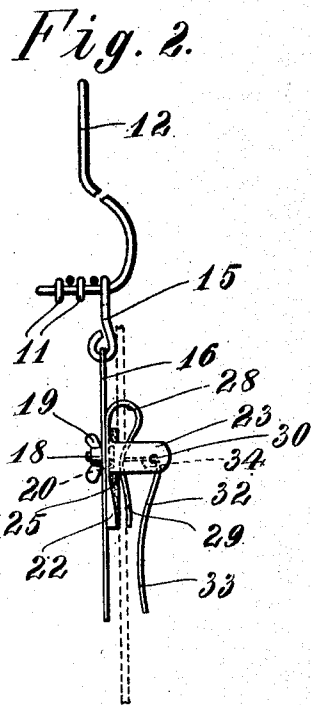
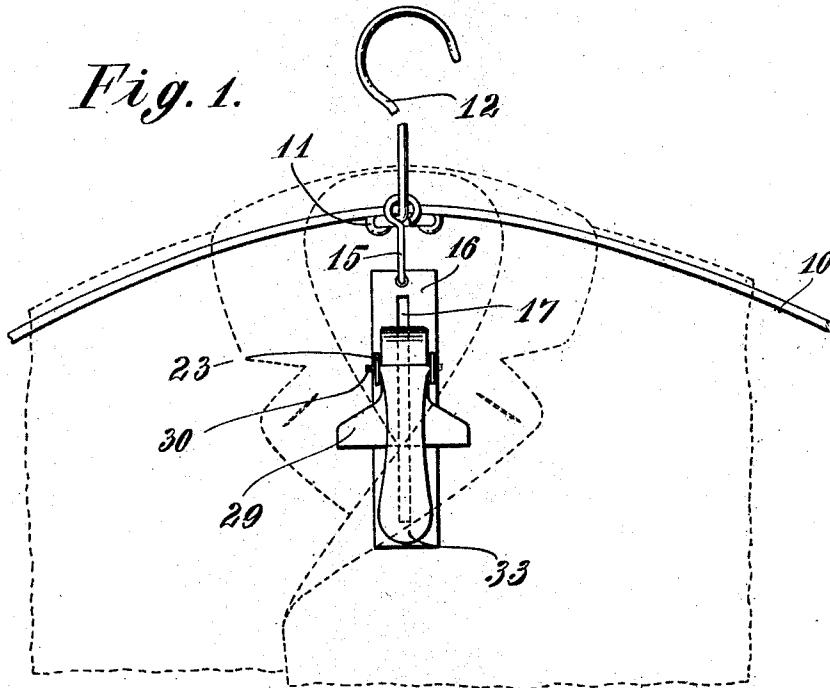


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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH LIPOTI, a subject of the Emperor of Austria-Hungary, and a resident of West New York, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Supports, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in supports or hangers for wearing apparel, with special reference to upper garments, as coats, sacks and the like.

The principal object of the invention is to provide means whereby sagging or displacement of the front of the garment is prevented.

Another object is to provide such devices having means of adjustment to suit various garments, whereby they may be disposed upon the supporting hanger and adjusted for their correct maintenance, and finally, to provide hangers with means which are easily applied or removed, simple in their nature, and inexpensive in their manufacture.

These and other objects are attained by the novel construction and combination of parts shown in the accompanying drawing, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a front plan view, showing a coat hanger of ordinary construction, to which is applied an embodiment of the invention, illustrating its application.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, parts of the hanger being removed, and

Fig. 3 is a partial vertical sectional view taken on the center line of the device.

In hangers of this class, it is common to use a wire support frame, having open looped lateral elements adapted to engage within the garment to be supported upon either side at the shoulders thereof, the elements being pivotally connected by rings to an open hook attachable to any convenient extending support capable of sustaining the weight of the garment.

Thus far the construction is that of the ordinary character; the improvement consists in an attachment comprised of a link engaged with the hook at its upper end, and connecting a thin flat plate, the same extending pendently downward to a

point within the garment, where one lapel or portion passes over another.

This plate is formed with an elongated slot, in which is slidably contained a bolt, provided with a wing nut at its outer end, the head of the bolt passing through a backing plate, formed with ears upon both sides, the bottom portion being extended laterally, forming a pad upon the outer surface of which is secured a flexible cushion adapted to make contact with the interior of the garment in an obvious manner.

The plate extends above the bolt and is reëntranly bent at the outer front portion extending downwardly in front of the cushion, to which it is suited in size and shape.

Pivoted in the ears, by the pin, is a lever, the handle portion extending outwardly toward the front, where it may be conveniently grasped by an operator, the angular end being engageable with the outside of the plate.

When it is desired to attach a garment, the hanger is inserted within the neck opening, so that the ends extend below the shoulders, the lever raised to its uppermost position, whereupon the plate, due to its inherent resilience, springs outwardly, leaving an opening between the cushion and the inner side of the plate, allowing the front lapels of the garment to be disposed therewithin.

When the garment is adjusted, the lever is moved downward, causing the garment to be clamped between the cushion and plate, and held securely in this position.

If the garment be cut low, the bolt may be moved downward in the slot to accommodate, conversely, should it be a high cut garment, the slot allows the bolt to be moved upward, so that the clamps will be properly engaged with the lapels, and support their proportion of the weight, thereby preventing the garment from assuming an undesirable shape.

Obviously, the exact shape of the parts may be varied, and also minor modifications made without departing from the scope of the claim hereto appended.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

In a device of the class described, the combination with a garment hanger, of a plate 5 pivotally secured to said hanger, a U shaped clamp adjustable on said plate said clamp having lateral extensions at its lower end, a cushion on one of said extensions, the other

of said extensions being coöperative with said cushion, and a lever for operating said 10 clamp.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 11th day of October, A. D. 1916.

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